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**Newsletter Deadline**  
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**Newsletter deadline for April 2024 is March 20th**  
**EMAIL US AT:**  
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 Remember to limit your words to 175 & have your information in by the 20th of each month.

**Mark's Memo:**

Whether you call them "March Flowers" or "Daffodils," these plentiful spring flowers have been popping up everywhere due to the warm spring days we have been enjoying over the past few weeks. I don't know about you, but I would like to have a couple of months of these spring temperatures before the heat and humidity of summer set in.

Our BRBA Evangelism Committee and I have met a couple of times recently and have scheduled two important training sessions here at BRBA. The first, is scheduled for April 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. and will be led by Dr. Kenny Rager, Evangelism Strategist for the KBC. This workshop will center on helping individuals identify lost people in their network of friends, co-workers, and acquaintances.

The second workshop will be held at BRBA on May 13, at 6:30 p.m. This will be for pastors, deacons, and other church leaders interested in the Church Revitalization Process. Dr. Ian Carrico, our West KY Regional Consultant for the KBC will be leading this conference. Additional information about both of these workshops will be forthcoming.

I also want to remind our pastors that the West KY Evangelism Conference will be held at Southside Baptist Church in Princeton on Monday, March 4, from 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. As always there are some great speakers on the schedule.

A Disaster Relief Training will be held in Madisonville on Saturday, March 16. For more information go to <https://www.kybaptist.org/disaster-relief/>.

Serving Him Together  
 Bro. Mark E. Sickling



The Nelon's will be performing at New Zion Baptist Church March 14th, 2024 6:30 p.m. Everyone is invited!

**UPCOMING EVENTS** *Mark Your Calendars This Month*

**March, 2024**

1st	8:30 a.m.	Pastor's Prayer Time @ BRBA Office
3rd-10th		Week of Prayer - NAMB & Annie Armstrong
4th	9:00 a.m.	West KY Evangelism Conf @ Southside BC Princeton
6th	1:00 p.m.	Budget/Finance Committee Mtg @ BRBA Office
8th	8:30 a.m.	Pastor's Prayer Time @ BRBA Office
9th	8:00 a.m.	R.A. Derby Race @ BRBA Office
10th		Daylight Savings Time Begins - Spring Forward
11th	5:00 p.m.	Missions Committee Mtg @ BRBA Office
15th	8:30 a.m.	Pastor's Prayer Time @ BRBA Office
15th-16th		Disaster Relief Chaplaincy Trng @ Madisonville (must register @ <a href="http://kybaptist.org/dr">kybaptist.org/dr</a> )
17th		Church Planting Emphasis Sunday
20th		FIRST DAY OF SPRING
22nd	8:30 a.m.	Pastor's Prayer Time @ BRBA Office
24th		Palm Sunday
24th		Personal Evangelism Commitment Day
29th		Good Friday (OFFICE CLOSED)
31st		Easter - He is Risen !!!!!

**April, 2024 (Mark your calendar)**

1st-6th		Mission trip to Guatemala
7th		Baptism Sunday
10th	1:00 p.m.	Budget/Finance Committee Mtg @ BRBA Office
11th	6:30 p.m.	Quarterly Executive Board Mtg @ Pleasant Hope
12th	8:30 a.m.	Pastor's Prayer Time @ BRBA Office
12th-13th		KYWMU Annual Mtg in Hopkinsville KY
13th	8:00 a.m.	Brotherhood Breakfast @ Flint Baptist
15th		TAX DAY !!!!!
19th	8:30 a.m.	Pastor's Prayer Time @ BRBA Office
19th-20th		Disaster Relief Training in Richmond KY (must register @ <a href="http://kybaptist.org/dr">kybaptist.org/dr</a> )
22nd	7:00 p.m.	WMU Quarterly Mtg @ Memorial Baptist
24th		Administrative Professionals Day
26th	8:30 a.m.	Pastor's Prayer Time @ BRBA Office
29th	6:00 p.m.	Evangelism Trng w/Dr. Kenny Rager @ BRBA Office

*Prayer Request*

<b>ISRAEL</b>	Sister Churches	Our Youth
Our Leaders	Our Schools	The Sick
<b>Our Country</b>	Each Other	Missionaries
The Lost	Our Teachers	
Our Pastors		
<b>Churches without Pastors</b>		

**Bags of Hope Pantry list for MARCH**

- Altona-cereal & jiffy corn muffin mix
- Bethel-beef stew & canned red beans
- Bethlehem-pancake mix & jiffy corn muffin mix
- Briensburg-peanut butter & saltine crackers
- Cherry Corner-peanut butter & saltine crackers
- Elva-pancake mix & jiffy corn muffin mix
- Flint-Manwich/sloppy joe sauce & pancake mix
- Gilbertsville-mashed potatoes & pork-n-beans
- Grace-spam & mixed vegetables
- Hamlet-saltine crackers & bars of soap
- Hazel-chili & bars of soap
- Holly Hills-beef stew & canned great northern white beans
- Kirksey-canned potatoes & vienna sausage
- Lakeview-canned black eyed peas & bars of soap
- Ledbetter-cereal & jiffy corn muffin mix
- Locust Grove-ravioli & canned red beans
- Memorial-spam & ramen noodles
- New Bethel-ravioli & peanut butter
- New Harmony-mashed potatoes & Manwich/ sloppy joe sauce
- New Zion-pancake mix & jiffy corn muffin mix
- Northside-mashed potatoes & ravioli
- Oak Grove-pancake mix & mixed vegetables
- Olive-spam & ramen noodles
- Owens Chapel-canned black eyed peas & saltine crackers
- Pleasant Hope-canned red beans & chili
- Salem-canned tomatoes & black eyed peas
- Sinking Springs-mixed vegetables & pork-n-beans
- Spring Creek-chili & saltine crackers
- Sugar Creek--dry white northern beans & jiffy corn muffin mix
- Union Ridge-peanut butter & canned tomatoes
- West Fork-cereal & jiffy corn muffin mix

**Bags of Hope Ministry**

In January we were able to help **260** families, **36** of those were new. We gave out **2,685** food items, **364** bread, and **214** personal hygiene items. Also, praise the Lord we had 2 people who came to know Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior!!!! Thank you for your continued support for this ministry, without your support we could not do this ministry. Remember the volunteers in prayer.

Thank you and God Bless.

**Bags of Hope**

Hours for Food & Clothing: Monday & Thursday 1 - 4 p.m.  
 Food donations can still be donated at the Association Office  
 Monday- Thursday 8:30 am - 3:30 p.m. if more convenient.  
 Phone: 270-252-9266

**Churches Currently without Pastors**

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|----------------|----------------|
| Elva           | Oak Level      |
| New Bethel     | Old Salem Road |
| New Mt. Carmel | Spring Creek   |
| New Providence |                |

# Blood River Review

MARCH 2024 NEWSLETTER OF BLOOD RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

## March Pastor's Prayer Times



1st 8:30 a.m. BRBA Office  
 8th 8:30 a.m. BRBA Office  
 15th 8:30 a.m. BRBA Office  
 22nd 8:30 a.m. BRBA Office  
 29th OFFICE CLOSED

## March Birthdays

2nd Robin LaChance, Bethel  
 11th Charles LaChance, Bethel  
 13th Erin Clark, Wife, BSU Director  
 28th Leslie Miles, Northside

## March Wedding Anniversaries

4th Rick & Charlotte Yarbrough, Ledbetter  
 10th James & Karen Oates, Lakeview  
 11th Frankie & Kristina McKinney, Salem  
 18th Brandon & Dakota Bramlett, Locust Grove  
 18th Randy & Karen Kuykendall, West Fork  
 28th Mike & Alice Farmer, Vanzora  
 30th Duane & Carolyn Holland, Holly Hills

## March Church Anniversaries

### First Sunday

Brad Walker, Briensburg (2010)  
 Kyle McKinney, Pleasant Valley (2023)



## RA Derby Car Race



March 9th @ 8:00 a.m.  
 @ BRBA Office  
 Call the office for more info and to register  
 270-437-4203



## March 10th, 2024

Move clocks ahead 1 hour!

*"To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven."*  
 Ecclesiastes 3:1



## Introduction to DR & Ministry Area Training

FBC Madisonville KY  
 March 15-16, 2024

Must register at [kybaptist.org/disaster-relief/](https://kybaptist.org/disaster-relief/)



## Easter Sunday

March 31, 2024

*"He is not here; for He is risen, as He said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay."*  
 Matthew 28:6

## Hazel

February 11<sup>th</sup> we had "Bring Someone You Love Sunday" and what a success. We had 128 in Sunday School, 223 in Worship and approximately 160 that stayed for the potluck meal. Saturday, February 17<sup>th</sup> about 26 ladies had a Galentine's fellowship and everyone had a great time playing a game and making flower arrangements from flowers everyone brought to the fellowship and of course, eating. Sunday night, February 25<sup>th</sup> we had "Christ and Cobbler" with Bro. Jordan giving the devotion and then a competition for the best cobbler with the winner receiving the traveling trophy. In addition to this great news, we welcome to our church family Baylee Rodgers and Jim and Janet Clinger by baptism. God is blessing Hazel Baptist above and beyond what is humanly possible and WE ARE THANKFUL.

*Remember, "...if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his son cleanseth us from all sin". 1 John 1:7.*

## New Bethel

Here at New Bethel on February 10<sup>th</sup>, our Youth Group had a Fund Raiser Valentine Italian Meal that was great, with a good turnout to support these wonderful young people. On February 11<sup>th</sup> in our morning service, one of our young ladies who had been saved, followed our Savior in believer's baptism. On Monday February 12<sup>th</sup>, our ladies started a bible study, "An Interrupted Life," studying how Jonah dealt with an interrupted life, and our men also started a bible study, "Armor of God." In the morning services on February 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>, Bro. David Brown will be preaching, possibly as a candidate for being our pastor. We are blessed to be able to support the Haven of Hope Baby Bottle Fund Raiser this month. Our Interim pastor Bro. David Chandler continues to bless us with the messages that God lays on his heart, and some in depth bible studies and bible prophecy. Pray for our Country, our Leaders and all World Leaders, and just remember that God is still in control.

*He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love. 1 John 4:8*

## Salem

Salem Baptist has had two youth saved over the last couple of weeks. Praise His Holy Name! We have wonderful leaders who invited members over to give their testimonies during Wednesday night youth services. Coming up real soon is the trip to the Smoky Mountain Jubilee March 21-22, 2024 in Pigeon Forge, TN. If you have never been, you should go. It is free and is a great time of reviving, refreshing, and a powerful Word of God every session along with worship and fellowship. The Pancake Breakfast & Easter Egg Hunt is coming up soon as well. Thank you to everyone who lifted Bro. Frankie up in prayer for his mission trip. He returned safely, We cannot wait to hear everything he experienced while there.

*God be merciful unto us, and bless us; and cause his face to shine upon us; Selah. That thy way may be known upon earth, thy saving health among all nations. Psalm 67:1-2*

## Sugar Creek

We are so thankful for the beautiful weather God has given us this past month. With Spring here now, we are excited for all the outdoor festivities we have planned each year. Our first event is our annual Easter Egg hunt on March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 10:00 a.m., we would love to have you join us. Our Blessing Box outside of the church has been a blessing to our community, and thank you to all the ones who help stock it each week. Please continue to remember all of those who are sick and those who have lost loved ones, God is the only one who can give them comfort and strength during these trying times. We also want to remember all the ones serving in the military, our law enforcement, nurses, doctors, first responders and their families. We would love for you to visit us at Sugar Creek Baptist Church.



## WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

We know your churches are doing wonderful things. Please share it with your sister churches. Send your church news to the association by the 20<sup>th</sup> of the Month to be put in newsletter. Any questions please call the association office, 270-437-4203



Be challenged and encouraged in personal evangelism and your missions calling at REACH! This year's theme is "Church Multiplied." Must register at [kybaptist.org/reach/](https://kybaptist.org/reach/)

MARCH 11-12, 2024  
 SEVERNS VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH  
 ELIZABETHTOWN, KY



If you have an interest in being involved in the **2024 Tater Day** activities please contact BRBA office @ 270-437-4203. This can include preaching, a skit or a singing group.



We have collected all the laundry detergent bottles needed for Disaster Relief. We appreciate your help with this.

## NOTICE

Poplar Spring Baptist Church is praying about and in search of a minister of youth. This position is part-time, and applicants are welcome and encouraged to be bi-vocational. Please email resumes to: [info@psbcmky.com](mailto:info@psbcmky.com) or call the church office at 270-436-2564.



## March 3-10, 2024

Week of Prayer NAMB & Annie Armstrong

